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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: PFOR, UN, SF, WF

SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA ASSERTS UN WOULD NOT OPPOSE  
FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 040636; LONDON 02828

1. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS AT LUSAKA AIRPORT FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL  
ON MARCH 1, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MCBRIDE ALLEGEDLY  
STATED THAT UN WILL NOT OPPOSE INTERVENTION BY ANY COMMUNIST  
COUNTRY THAT IS PREPARED FIGHT FOR LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA AT  
INVITATION OF SWAPO. MCBRIDE WENT ON TO CONDEMN WESTERN COUNTRIES  
WHICH HAVE CRIED OUT AGAINST DANGERS OF SPREAD OF COMMUNIST  
INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHILE AT SAME TIME, HE CLAIMED,  
THEY HAVE SUPPLIED ARMS TO RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND HAVE  
PAID ONLY LIP SERVICE TO LIBERATION OF REGION FROM RACISM AND  
COLONIALISM. MCBRIDE WARNED SOUTH AFRICA TO INITIATE IMMEDIATELY  
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DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO, AND WITH SWAPO ONLY, ON INDEPENDENCE

FOR NAMIBIA. UN AND AFRICA CAN ONLY SUPPORT SWAPO, MCBRIDE  
REPORTEDLY SAID, NOT NEGOTIATE FOR IT.

2. ZAMBIAN PRESS TODAY HAS CARRIED MCBRIDE REMARKS UNDER HEADLINES  
"UN WON'T OPPOSE CUBAN STRIKE" (TIMES OF ZAMBIA) AND "COMMUNISTS  
CAN FREE NAMIBIA, SAY MCBRIDE." (ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL). END UNCLAS-  
SIFIED.

3. MCBRIDE HAS ASKED TO SEE ME TODAY AND WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT  
AT 1500Z. I INTEND AT THAT TIME TO GO OVER AGAIN POINTS  
MADE TO MCBRIDE IN LONDON (LONDON REFTL) AS WELL AS TO QUESTIONED  
BASIS UPON WHICH HE PRESUMES TO SPEAK FOR "UN" ON MATTER WHICH  
IS RIGHTLY WITHIN PURVIEW OF SECURITY COUNCIL RATHER THAN OF UN  
COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. I DOUBT THAT WE CAN DO MUCH TO CURB  
MCBRIDE'S FREE-WHEELING STATEMENTS TO PRESS BUT NEVERTHELESS  
FEEL HE SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT USG REGARDS SUCH VIEWS  
AS BOTH UNHELPFUL AND DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS THEY WOULD LIKE  
ME TO CONVEY TO MCBRIDE, THESE SHOULD BE SENT US NIACT IMMEDIATE.  
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